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Limprecht et al.

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DESIGNING AND COMPONENTIZING
RUN-TIME OBJECTS

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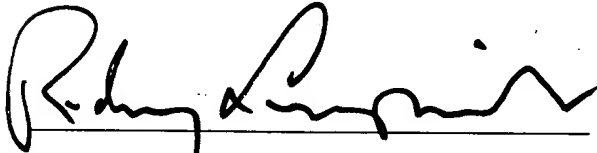
DECLARATION OF RODNEY LIMPRECHT
UNDER 35 CFR § 1.132

In traverse of a rejection stated in the Office Action dated May 24, 2000, Paper No. 8, I, Rodney Limprecht, declare as follows:

1.   I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of the above-identified patent application.

2.   I am employed by Microsoft Corporation, assignee of the above-identified patent application.

3.   I, together with my co-inventors named in the above-referenced patent application, designed and developed the transaction server technology described in the above-identified patent application.

4.   I am the author of a paper entitled, "Microsoft Transacation Server," which paper appears in proceedings for the IEEE Compcon '97, conference held February 23-26, 1997. The information contained in this reference describes the transaction server technology that we developed, and which originated from our work.

5.   I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements

were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Rodney Limprecht

Sept 26, 2000

Date